

BISHOP HOOD'S ADDRESS.

The Providential Purpose in the Negro Church Eloquently and Philosophically Discussed by the Great Prelate.

The Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, located on M street, was honored with a large and representative gathering in its lecture room last Tuesday night to hear the address of Bishop J. W. Hood, who took for his subject "The Providential Purpose in the Negro Church. President George W. Jackson presided, while Miss Ella M. Boston, the recording secretary, officiated. The bishop took high grounds in presenting his new subject and showed by ancient Biblical history that Ham was a black man and that the Egyptians and other dark races of Egypt were descendants of Ham. After fully sustaining his claim both from ancient history and the Bible he showed that the Negro church in America was the work of Providence and that God in his infinite wisdom and mercy was behind the movement.

While much has been said about the early colored churches in America the bishop showed by facts and figures that there was a simultaneous movement on the part of the colored people in various sections of the country to organize churches of their own and to follow the tenets of the faith which they had worshipped in the white churches. This simultaneous movement of the colored people took place in the Eastern and Southern States about the same time. Wonderful movement, that without rapid transit such as steam boats, steam cars, telegraph and telephone that the Negro Methodists of New York and Pennsylvania and the Baptists of Virginia and Georgia who severed their relations from the white churches about the same time. The movement which led up to the formation of Negro churches was due to the proscription and the restraint which were placed upon the people, who were permitted to attend white churches.

They had to sit in the rear of the church, said the bishop, or they would be up in certain places of the gallery of the church, known as "Negro corner," and in many instances obtained admission to the church through stairways from the outside, so that they would not have to come in contact with the white people. In many cases they were forced to sit in sheds outside of the church where they could hear the minister, but could not see him. This led the Negro to organize a church of his own. The bishop then showed that the early leaders of the race were the exhorters and preachers who learned how to call meetings together, how to preside, how to organize and how to conduct public meetings. When Emancipation came the only men of the race who were capable of taking the leadership in public affairs and who, of course, took the lead in politics, were the ministers, and but for these men the race would have been leaderless.

The bishop showed what great progress had been made by the Negroes through the church, and what great and powerful influence the churches exerted. It has done more to unify the race, to teach them the power of organization, to develop the ablest men and the most powerful forces than any other agency. At the conclusion of his address he received hearty applause. After music by the choir, a discussion was participated in by Rev. J. W. Crumwell, Hon. John C. Adney, Lawyer J. M. Ricks, Prof. L. M. Hershaw, Rev. J. B. Boling, Rev. S. S. Corrothers, Prof. W. H. Ferris and Miss Maria L. Gordon. The discussion provoked much interest and laughter for the audience. Lawyer J. M. Ricks and Prof. L. M. Hershaw took opposite views to those advanced by Bishop Grant, but were met half way by an avalanche of argument and oratory from Revs. J. B. Boling and S. S. Corrothers, who proved themselves not only gifted orators but as full of wit as of logic.

SANTO DOMINGO.

The Republic of Santo Domingo is reported to be in the throes of another revolution. We defy anybody to keep

track of the constantly recurring outbreaks in the West Indian and South American states. As colored Americans, we regret these outbreaks in Santo Domingo and Hayti, because the Negroes there are educated and cultured and it is a reflection upon the ability and capacity of the Negro for



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self-government. But it seems to us that the critics of the race make too much of these outbreaks in Santo Domingo. The fact that the similar outbreaks frequently occur in the South American republics lead us to believe that there is something in the climate of the torrid zone and its borders which heats the blood and causes fierce passions to rise and surge in the soul. The heterogeneous character of the inhabitants and the quality of the Latin strain in the blood of the West Indians



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and South Americans may account somewhat too, so these revolutions do not reflect upon the Negro per se.

Again it seems to us that it is the money in the treasury rather than the presidency that these men are after. And in risking life for the Almighty dollar the Negro Saxon over the entire world in quest of gold. We never hear of revolutions in the West Indies when the treasury is empty, so cash is the siren song which lures these colored revolutionists on.

TWO HUSTLERS.

Col. Robert J. Harlan of the sixth auditor's office has been admitted to practice in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, upon motion of Mr. D. W. Baker, after passing a most rigid examination. He will be associated with Mr. R. R. Horner, one of the race's best attorneys, with offices in the Webster law building. Col. Harlan has had phenomenal success in the arena of politics and is a scion of one of Ohio's "first families." He was the first colored man to hold a lucrative political office in Cincinnati, and has held at different periods before coming to Washington the positions of deputy city auditor, deputy collector of internal revenue. Col. Harlan is a gentleman of the engaging personality, a capital story teller, a shrewd business factor, and is an expert penman. He is an honor to the race, and we bespeak for him great success at the bar.—Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate.

Bright, catchy, spirited selections compose the program of the Amphions at Lincoln Temple April 3rd.

HUSTLING FOR THE JANE MOSELEY.

Mr. John D. Fossett, a well-known business man has been appointed solicitor of charters and stocks for the Jane Moseley, which is owned by the Freeman Transportation Company. Land and Improvement Company. Mr. Fossett is securing many charters for choice dates for the Jane Moseley to Glymont and other points down the Potomac. Clubs, lodges, societies and other organizations which contemplate giving outings this season would do well to confer with Mr. Fossett in regards to dates and charters. He can be seen or communicated with at the office of the company at 609 F Street, Northwest.

A practical example of the benefit of Tuskegee is derived from the announcement that the savings bank at the institute has a cash balance of \$11,000.

The Lily Whites of Alabama are divided over the maintenance of their position on the race question. It is said that a majority of them are willing to take back track.

Mr. James B. Parker, who assisted in the capture of Czolgoos, the assassin of President McKinley, is on a lecturing tour. He spoke at exington, Ky., a few nights ago to a large and appreciative audience.

The Columbus, Ohio, Standard shows good taste and judgment in reproducing so many of The Colored American's good things, and our only criticism is that the Standard fails to give us proper credit.

Port Williams, a station on the Missouri Pacific railroad within a few miles of Leavenworth, Kas., is controlled absolutely by colored people. The whites who continue to live in the town have not even a church of their own.

Down in Atlanta, Ga., not long ago a white sensationalist raped a colored child nine years old. Col. H. L. Johnson, an able Negro lawyer, has the case and it is a safe prediction that the brute will get the full extent of the law.

The Christian Index of Jackson, Tenn., a thoughtful race paper, speaks to the point as follows:

"There are some colored people who never spend a dime with a colored merchant, and if they do they want twice the dime's worth. How long will it take to build a race financially at that rate?"

The religion of white folks is some times difficult to understand. Down in Arkansas they have actually got a white Methodist minister under arrest for whitecapping and murder. There were thirteen members of the party arrested and the unlucky number probably presage his fate unless killing Negroes is meritorious.

Bridgeport, Conn., that staid old New England town, has been lately "enjoying" an unusual sensation. Some time ago one of these peripatetic Uncle Tom's Cabin combinations stranded in that town, and by hook or crook, by railroad ties or otherwise all its members got away except a colored man named Cleveland Waters, who proceeded to make things warm with his \$20 silk underwear, his \$2 silk socks and his consummate skill in playing with the races and the piano. This combination was, of course, irresistible and presently "Cleve" did the disappearing act, taking with him a white woman, the wife of a reputable citizen. Her infatuation did not, however, make her lose all her good sense. She was thoughtful enough to leave her four children behind to the care of her outraged husband.

Messrs. Gaskins & Gaines have put into their place of business one of the latest Hallwood cash registers, made to their order. It is a novelty and very unique, making nine different registers with five different keys, so that the receipts from every department of the business can be registered in a separate place. It has all of the nickel finish and more of the appearance of a piano than of a cash register.

DRESS MAKING ACADEMY.

The de Lam Orton Famous French Perfection Tailor System Mme J. A. Smallwood Sole Agent 1513 Madison street, northwest Morning class from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Afternoon class 2 to 5 p. m. daily. Evenings from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, dressmakers and ladies who wish to do their own dressmaking.

WANTED—To learn the wonderful de Lam Orton French Perfection Tailor System. Seamless Basques without one inch of visible seam, in lining or goods, not even on the shoulder. Successful dressmaking requires as much earnest progressive study as successful work in any of the professions. No detail is so small to be looked after. We teach you to make dresses with or without seam and guarantee perfect fits, and complete your course with a diploma. Pupils can enter at any time.

The Livingston Dressmaking School.

The Livingston Dress cutting and Dress making School is offering a new attraction. A class has been formed in which all broinery as applied to personal adornment is taught. Miss Charlott E. Hunter has been placed in charge of this work. Persons desiring to learn decorative embroidery should apply at once to Mrs. L. R. Clarke, principal of the school as only a limited number can be taken. Terms etc., cheerfully furnished at the school, 1439 W Street Northwest.

If you have a spare room that you would like to rent to desirable parties, advertise them in The Colored American.

WANTED—Reliable colored help for general house work &c, in good homes in New England Good Wages. Apply with references as to ability and character to Susie White, 1747 Oregon Ave N. W.

WANTED—By a young lady artist a room, unfurnished. Address Artist, this office.

FOR RENT—One large front room in good locality with all modern improvements, convenient to cars and herdicks, 1625 Corcoran St. N. W. apply to Mr. J. B. Patterson

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, front and rear, all modern improvements. Gentlemen preferred. 540 Elm street, n. w., Le Droit Market.

FOR RENT—Bright, furnished rooms with board half block of car line. Meals served also to persons not lodging in the house. N. J. Study. 941 T street northwest

FURNISHED ROOMS—For rent with or without board. Apply at 407 Warner street n. w.

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WANTED—Instructor for private dancing, waltzing only. Address Mrs. W. H. Johnson, 459 C street, n. w., Washington, D. C.

SUMMER RESORTS.

FOR RENT—Summer of 1903 Lincoln Hall at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. For particulars address N. C. Brackett.

Please Help Me Find My Brother. Saunk Joyce was sold in Mecklenburg, Virginia several years before the civil war, to Cunningham a Negro trader. His mother, Willie, was a slave on the Joyce plantation. He had one sister Betty, who is very anxious to find him. Any information will be gladly received. Mrs. BETTY REYNOLDS, 44 Parker street, Atlanta, Ga.

Typewriting done at home at reasonable price. Apply at 1753 L street n. w.

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Prof. Victor, Dog Expert, 1339 Corcoran St. Expert dog washer. Special care in washing delicate house dogs and cats during cold weather. Surgical operations. Pets washed at owner's residence if desired. Send for circular.

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